

Good day to you,

I am writing this email to attest to the importance of my daughter's continuing coverage of her speech services via Telehealth.

As we continue to fight this battle of the Covid-19 pandemic, it's **easier** for A-typical children to continue their normal day to day lifestyles especially now that schools are on summer break. As for children with disabilities, in my case, my daughter Milan, 5 years old, has Autism, learning to **Speak** (for us it's beautiful to just easily bring across our thoughts with the words flowing from our mouth without much effort) takes a lot of effort, but with guidance and planning from her Speech and Language Pathologists daily she's progressing. It's not easy on either sides but Speech therapies is an **Essential** necessity for her to eventually be able to communicate her needs intelligently.

Due to the pandemic, face to face sessions had to be on hold for everyone's safety, and Telehealth was introduced. I was **very thankful to God** that the insurance companies were making it right to continue the services that are **Essential (speech is essential)** for my Milan so she wouldn't **Relapse** (which is very easy to do with children on the spectrum), and would continue to make good strides in development of her language with the guidance of her Speech Therapists sessions.

For people who don't have to care for a child with a disability on a daily basis it's understandable that you don't have that insight or emotional attachment but we are all humans and have **consciences**, and yes there's also a business and making money for that business, and decisions to be made. But there's also a child, a human with good possibilities of one day having the words flow from her mouth effortlessly so she can also become a productive person in society, but with that my Milan needs her **continuance** of her Speech sessions through Telehealth.

Please don't let my Milan take a step back because it will take longer to step forward and she has come so far, so so far.

Thank you for taking the time to read this testimony. God bless.

Lisa Wilson (a mother of an Autistic child)

Sent from my iPhone